



THE BULLETIN

WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA
35 EAST 39 STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

VOL. 11, No. 12

March 24, 1956

Club Calendar

Tuesday, March 27 — Southeast Asia Open House. Ed Hunter, OPCer just returned from Asia and author of "Brainwashing in Red China" and Dr. Sojono Surjotjondro, acting representative of Indonesia at the U.N. Cocktails 6 p.m. Buffet dinner. Julie Whitney at the piano in the Bar.

Wednesday, March 28 — Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., first New York briefing on "NATO's Navy" by staff officers from the headquarters of the Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic.

Thursday, March 29 — Book evening for President Louis Lochner and his recently published "Always the Unexpected." Dinner 7:30 p.m. All invited.

Tuesday, April 3 — OPC Annual Awards Dinner, Sheraton-Astor Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17 — Holland Night and Tulip Festival. Reservations open March 27.

Thursday, April 19 — Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. Speaker, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Monday, April 30 — Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. Dinner available.

OVERSEAS TICKER

GENEVA

Creation of a permanent club quarters was discussed at the recent annual meeting of the Association of United Nations Correspondents, to which almost every foreign reporter stationed at Geneva belongs.

The group has club facilities at the local Cercle de la Presse, but usually holds its meetings at the Palais des Nations.

Prospects for a permanent club are promising, but one of the problems is to

(Continued on page 4)

BOB AND RAY WILL ENTERTAIN AT AWARDS DINNER APRIL 3

By Barbara Bennett

Former President Harry S. Truman and comedy team Bob and Ray compete for attraction honors at the OPC Annual Awards Dinner April 3rd.

The Club has Bill Hillman to thank in acting as liaison between Mr. Truman and the OPC in arranging the former President's appearance as guest speaker at the dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Astor Hotel. No official comment has yet been made as to Mr. Truman's choice of subject for his address. The former President has indicated that it will be one of the most important announcements he is to make this year.

Bob and Ray, the ad-libbing radio and TV comedy team which has rated recently with articles in the Saturday Evening Post, Woman's Day, TV-Radio Mirror, Cue, and numerous New York papers, have agreed to supply the non-

sense. Their fame for carrying hours of continuous radio time without a script or rehearsal has brought them the titles of the "most gifted comedians on the air" and "the freshest thing in radio."

By Tuesday, March 20th, paid reservations for the dinner had gone beyond the 1,000 mark, Spencer Valmy, dinner committee chairman, announced. The dinner committee have decided not to make any public offering for reservations in view of the unprecedented response from members. However, members are warned that reservations as of this date will of necessity be made for the rear of the Ballroom on the first tier. Valmy pointed out that first tier seats in the Sheraton Ballroom are an especially fine location. In fact, the sub-committee in charge of seating arrangements will give priority to the first tier tables, over those

(Continued on page 4)

Slate of Nominees For Annual Elections

SLATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Listing Alphabetically)

For President

Bruno Shaw

For Vice Presidents

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Lawrence G. Blochman | Charles Robbins |
| Cecil Brown | Ansel E. Talbert |
| Kathryn Cravens | Spencer C. Valmy |

For Treasurer

A. Wilfred May
Joseph Willicombe

For Secretary

Dorothy Omansky
Will Yolen

For Governors and Alternates

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas Curran | Matthew Huttner |
| J. C. Dine | John Luter |
| Elizabeth Fagg | Reavis O'Neal |
| Emanuel Freedman | Will Oursler |
| K. S. Giniger | Thomas P. Whitney |
| John Goette | John Wilhelm |

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MADE BY PETITIONS

For President

Wayne Richardson

For Governors

Carl Bakal
Croswell Bowen
Harold Lavine
Joseph C. Peters
Arthur Reef
Joseph Ruffner

The candidates receiving the six (6) highest number of votes will be elected as Governors, and the next four (4) alternates.

Incumbent members of the Board of Governors elected in 1955 for two-year Term:

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| John Barkham | Ruth Lloyd |
| Seymour Berkson | Kathleen McLaughlin |
| Ben Grauer | Madeline D. Ross |
| | Cornelius Ryan |

THE BULLETIN

Published weekly by the Overseas Press Club of America, Inc., 35 East 39th St., New York 16, N.Y. MURRAY HILL 6-1630.

Editor & Committee Chairman: David Murray. — **Co-Editors:** Charles E. Campbell, Jr., Jimm Galligan, Samuel R. Kan, Norbert Lyons, John R. Wilhelm.

Issue Editor: David Murray. **Assts:** Connie Gomperts, Barbara Bennett.

Correspondents: Curt L. Heymann (Paris); Robert Benjamin (Mexico City); Darrel Berrigan (Bangkok); Beryl Kent (Los Angeles-Hollywood); Gerhard Stindt (Berlin); Jessie Stearns (Washington); Barbara Wace (London); Stuart Griffin (Tokyo); Geraldine Fitch (Taipei).

THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB Officers and Board

President: Louis P. Lochner; **Vice Presidents:** Kathryn Cravens, Ansel E. Talbert, Hal Lehrman; **Secretary-Treasurer:** A. Wilfred May; **Asst. to President:** Will Yolen.

Board of Governors: Norwood F. Allman, John Barkham, Seymour Berkson, Lawrence Blochman, Cecil Brown, Emanuel Freedman, Ben Grauer, Ruth Lloyd, Kathleen McLaughlin, Gabriel Pressman, Charles Robbins, Madeline D. Ross, Cornelius Ryan; **Alternates:** Fleur Cowles, Walter Rundle, Helen Zotos.

COPY MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CLUB BY TUESDAY NOON

Free to Members—\$10 yrlly, Non-Members
Advertising Rates on Request

REDS SOFTENING?

An improvement in the attitude of Russian broadcasting authorities has led NBC News to increase the time given to Irving R. Levine's "This is Moscow", presented Wednesday nights. His program has been expanded from 10 to 15 minutes. It begins at 10:15 p.m., EST.

CLARIFICATION

As long as the Overseas Press Club has existed, it has hitherto been the practice for the nominations committee to present a slate of one candidate only for every elective office. In other words, there was one nominee, and one nominee only, for the presidency; there were three nominees for the vice-presidency since the constitution calls for three vice-presidents; there was one nominee for the office of Secretary-treasurer; there were nominations for the Board of Governors to allow for the requisite number of vacancies occurring and for four alternates.

In short, the nominations committee offered but one name for every place to be filled by the membership. This procedure was challenged at our annual meeting of 1955. It was deemed more democratic for the nominations committee to offer alternate choices for the various elective positions.

The Board of Governors, accordingly, changed the bylaws to meet the expressed wish of the membership. An exception was made, however, in the case of the nomination for the presidency, in the hope that a contest for the highest office might be avoided if possible.

The by-laws now make the following procedure mandatory:

"The nominations committee shall present a list of candidates containing one nominee for the office of president, three or more nominees for the offices of vice-president, one or more nominees for each of the offices of secretary and treasurer, and two or more nominations

for each available post on the Board of Governors."

The right of nomination by petition was, of course, in no wise abrogated or restricted.

The nominations committee by unanimous vote produced a slate headed by Bruno Shaw. It was published in the BULLETIN for March 3.

Petitions were circulated for an opposition candidate for the presidency (Wayne Richardson), and additional nominations were made by petition for the Board of Governors. All petition nominations are published in the current issue of the BULLETIN.

The election procedures are thus being conducted strictly according to the constitution and by-laws.

Serving as a member on the nominations committee is at best a rather thankless job. The committee cannot possibly please everybody. But it works hard and conscientiously, weighing each proposed candidacy carefully. It deserves the Club's gratitude.

Louis P. Lochner, President
CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED — Furnished apartment, at least two bedrooms, to sublet from about April 1, for foreign correspondent, wife, two daughters returning from abroad. Month-to-month basis only. Call Mrs. Arrington at MURRAY HILL 2-7979.

ATTENTION PUBLICATIONS — American woman journalist domiciled Paris, completely bilingual, several years with VOA and a former OPC member, asks contact with publication seeking experienced reporting or research in Paris and France. Box B.

Make our 411 offices your headquarters around the world

Pan American — the first and only round-the-world airline — has the welcome mat out for the Press in 80 countries and colonies on all 6 continents.

Any one of Pan Am's 411 offices is the perfect spot to meet people, to receive messages, to get help with accommodations, interpreters, interviews, etc. And be sure to ask about PAA's "pick-up" service for press material.



PAN AMERICAN

WORLD'S MOST EXPERIENCED AIRLINE

NETWORKS SET CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

By Hilda Kassell

Major radio-TV networks are lining up their biggest names and the latest electronic aids for the largest-scale coverage of a national political campaign in the industry's history.

Davidson Taylor, NBC vice president in charge of public affairs, announces that a staff of almost 400 will cover the respective Democratic and Republican conventions in Chicago and San Francisco this summer. Three mobile units and more than 40 cameras will be in action at each city.

Key commentators will include John Cameron Swayze, Bill Henry, Morgan Beatty, Chet Huntley, David Brinksley, Ray Scherer, Dave Garroway, and cartoonist Walt Kelly, creator of Pogo. Bob Hope will be on hand for other observations.

Barry Wood, director of NBC special events, will be in charge of production of the convention-election coverage.

As a pre-convention kickoff, NBC radio has introduced a "Politics and Primaries" series. The first program, datelined New Hampshire and presented March 6, was devoted to issues affecting state primaries. Art Wakelee and Herb Kaplow spent a week in New Hampshire with a mobile unit, listening in on town meetings, interviewing local citizens and politicians, including the governor, in preparing the program.

Future broadcasts in the series: April 3, Illinois; April 17, Pennsylvania; May 1, Florida and Ohio combined; May 15, Oregon; May 29, California.

Tom Velotta, ABC vice president and administrative officer for news and special events, disclosed that John Daly, ABC vice president, will head the network's convention team of newsmen and political experts. A crew of about 350, including announcers, engineers, directors, and cameramen will be assigned to each city.

ABC will cover the 1956 conventions for the most part with the same personnel that handled the 1952 conventions for them. The cast includes Quincy Howe, Ted Malone, Irwin Cannon, Martin Agronsky, Bryson Rash, John Edwards, Julian Anthony, Paul Harvey, John W. Vandercook, Edward P. Morgan, Leo Cherne, William Water, Don Goddard,



LISA LARSEN, Life photographer, is "up in the air" over her assignment, one to gladden the heart of any bachelor girl. From the vantage point of a fire ladder, she's photographing the unmarried men of Casper, Wyo. (they outnumber the local girls) who gathered for a group shot to commemorate Feb. 29, the traditional day for girls to leap at any bachelor that takes their fancy.

PEOPLE & PLACES...

Leo J. Margolin is back in town after a 10-day trip to Puerto Rico to lecture on "Public Relations in Government" at the University of Puerto Rico and to hold interviews with top government officials for a series of stories on the island... *Percy Wood*, who has represented the Chicago Tribune in India and the Middle East for many years, is now writing editorials for the Tribune.

For the second time, a pageant directed by *Adele Nathan* has received a Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation Award. Adele just returned from a Palm Beach visit at the *J. David Sterns*... *Edward L. Bernays* was the principal speaker on the topic "The Bookseller and his Public," at the New York Regional Meeting of the American Booksellers Association.

Leonard Slater, Los Angeles bureau
(Continued on page 4)

Arthur Van Horne, John MacVane, Robert Lodge, Richard Rendell, Yale Newman, Albert Werner, and Ruth Geri Hagy.

Details of the CBS plans were not available at presstime. ABC also will announce additional assignments and appointments later.

POLK AWARDS TO THREE MEMBERS

For the second successive year, the George Polk Memorial Award in the field of international reporting went to Thomas J. Hamilton, chief of the "New York Times" United Nations bureau.

The awards were announced recently by Long Island University. Gold plaques will be presented to the winners at the annual luncheon, to be held April 9.

Other recipients of the awards were Barrett McGurn of the "New York Herald Tribune" for foreign reporting; Milton Mayer of the "Reporter" for national reporting; OPCer Gertrude Samuels of the "New York Times" for education reporting; and OPCer William Attwood of "Look" for magazine reporting.

OPCern Fern Marja, Peter J. McElroy, and William Dufty of the "New York Post" got honored for metropolitan reporting; Bob Greene of "Newsday" for suburban reporting; William Sauro of UP for photo reporting, and NBC for TV reporting.

NEW PROCEDURE FOR CLUB ACCOUNTS

The following action was taken at the last meeting of the Board of Governors:

"The check-signing privileges of the deposit accounts shall be stopped when they have become overdrawn by more than \$25. Also, the member shall be billed for such charges by the Treasurer within ten days following the end of the month in which the indebtedness was incurred.

"If the amounts owing are not paid within sixty days following such notification, the delinquent member shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Board of Governors at its next meeting, and at that time shall have the same status as a member reported to the Board for delinquency in his dues."

ATTENTION!

All Club members who have made reservations for the Awards Dinner are urgently advised to get the names of their guests to Miss Ruth Rigney, executive secretary for the Annual Dinner, not later than March 28th. The names are to be included in the printed seating arrangements.

Table groupings must also be in the hands of Miss Rigney not later than March 28th for assignment of seats.

OVERSEAS TICKER (C't'd from p. 1)

make an adjustment between the 60 permanent members at the European headquarters for the United Nations, and the flood tide of "visiting firemen" to whom the Association likes to extend hospitality during international conferences.

During last year's summit meeting, the number of foreign press corps reached an all-time high of 1,000.

OPC'er Lynn Heinzerling of AP relinquished the office of president of the Association to John Talbot of Reuters. Heinzerling just returned from home leave to his native Cleveland, Ohio, where his wife and son are still vacationing.

After five years in Belgrade, Helen Fisher just opened shop at the Palais for UP, and established herself in a brand-new apartment.

Ed Allen, who has been press and information officer here for the International Labor Office for over ten years, retired two months ago and returned with his family to his native Boston.

— Curt L. Heymann

TAIPEI

Recent visitors here have been Albert Dix, publisher of the five Dix newspapers of Ohio, Sidney White of INS, and free-lancer Norma-Lee Harmon from Tokyo.

The three got stranded on Kimmen Island. Missing their plane, they faced the dilemma of not being allowed to stay overnight (Army orders) and not being permitted to board a training plane (Navy orders).

The Navy capitulated first. A taxi-ride from mid-Formosa to Taipei arriving at 1 a.m. completed the experience.

This correspondent attended the second conference of the APACL (Asian People's Anti-Communist League) in Manila.

High spot of the conference was an hour's audience with President Ramon Magsaysay, in which he stated the whole story of his battle against the Huks by "unorthodox military measures."

— Geraldine Fitch

ROME

Theodore Streibert, chief of the United States Information Agency, passed through Rome on his way to West Africa. He recalled with pleasure OPC's Washington cocktail party. "I particularly enjoyed seeing Louis Lochner get on a chair and make an impromptu speech," Streibert said. "Louis is no orator on a soap-box, but he becomes a lecturer on a Louis XV chair."

Henry Heyward, chief of the Christian Science Monitor London bureau, stopped off here on his way back from Greece, Cyprus, and Egypt. Heyward managed to get the last interview with Archbishop Makarios before he was spirited off to the Indian Ocean.

Jack Geiger of the Rome Daily American invited correspondents to an Italo-Irish celebration of St. Patrick's Day, thrown by Rome restaurateur Lullo Pietrangeli. Lullo had read up on Irish lore. He served green lasagna, pizza pie baked in the shape of a shamrock, and had a Neapolitan mandolin orchestra play "Oh mio Danny Boy". *Serge Fliegers*

BOB AND RAY (C't'd from page 1)

in the rear of the ballroom floor.

Mr. Truman's address will be scoped for showing on NBC television Channel 4 at 11:30 p.m. The live speech will be carried on the ABC and Mutual radio networks, including station WOR, at 9:30 p.m. The transcribed speech will be broadcast at 10:30 p.m. by NBC.

Mr. Truman is to be introduced by Louis Lochner, OPC president. Various state and federal dignitaries will also attend. Members will be notified of their names as soon as available.

PEOPLE AND PLACES (C't'd from p. 3)

chief for Newsweek Magazine, went to Alaska recently on a one-week assignment... Jerry Hannifin, of Time, Inc.'s Washington office, spoke on the "Use of light planes in news and picture gathering" at an Eastern States regional conference of the Civil Air Patrol in Baltimore.

OPC'er Leonard L. Davis, assistant to the board chairman of Radioear Corp., has been named co-editor of the Pittsburgh Press News, official publication of the oldest press club in the United States.

Back from a three day magazine assignment in Paris are James H. Winchester of King Features and George Burns of Schenectady... The April issue of "Americas" (published in English, Spanish, and Portuguese) will carry a lead article by Betty Reef on a Mexican village doomed to vanish in the path of progress. It will be drowned by a hydro-electric power reservoir in Mexico's fast-growing power system.

Ready to serve you wherever you are . . .

TWA's

Public Relations Staff

IN KEY U. S. CITIES AND MAJOR WORLD CAPITALS

Need background material or local color . . . perhaps a standard typewriter or a souvenir for the family? Look for that familiar landmark—the TWA office—wherever you are! TWA's staff of public relations personnel, carefully selected for their press background and familiarity with your problems, are at your service.

Just as you can depend on TWA for the finest transportation between 60 U.S. cities and 21 world centers overseas, you can depend on TWA's Public Relations Department for friendly, efficient assistance any time!



Fly the finest . . .

FLY TWA
TRANS WORLD AIRLINES
U.S.A. • EUROPE • AFRICA • ASIA